

# Agenda

## Session I: Opening Remarks (11:30 am)

- Opening Remarks by H.E. Sayed Aqa, IDB Vice President, Cooperation and Country Programming Complex
- H.E. Amb. M. Naeem Khan, Assistant Secretary General (S&T) of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation
- H.E. First Lady of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Keynote Address - Video Presentation
- H.E. First Lady of Republic of Burkina Faso Keynote Address
- H.E. First Lady of the Republic of the Sudan Keynote Address

## Session II: Panel Discussion (12:00 pm)

**Moderator:** Mr. Mehmet Fatih Serenli, Director of Training and Technical Cooperation, SESRIC

### Speakers:

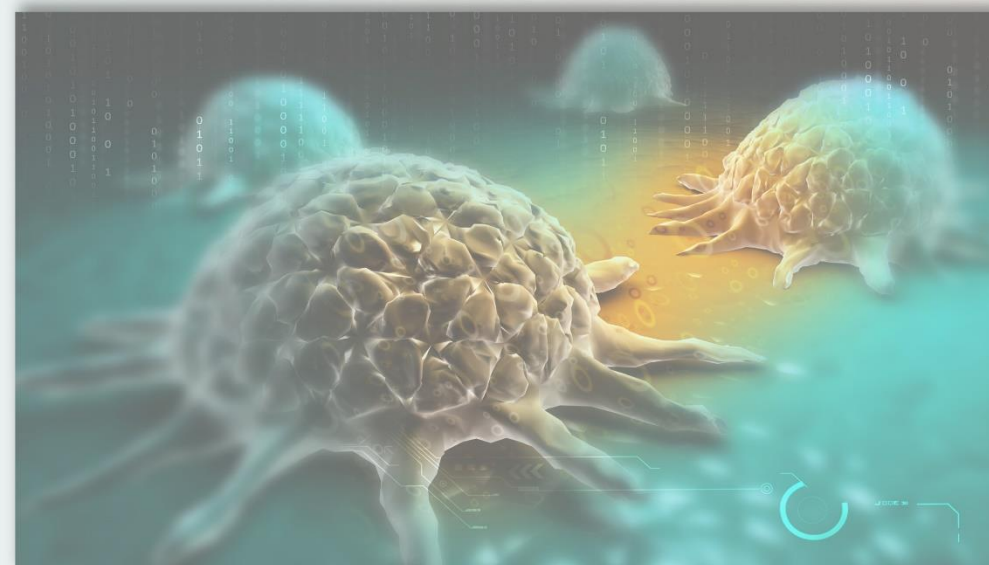
- Dr. Samia Al-Amoudi, Founder & CEO Al-Amoudi Center of Excellence in Breast Cancer - Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- H.E. Nargis Nehan, Executive Member of Afghanistan Cancer Foundation - Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
- Dr. Evlina Suzanna, Secretary of National Cancer Control Committee - Republic of Indonesia
- Dr. Öner Güner, Director General of EU and External Affairs of the Ministry of Health - Republic of Turkey
- Dr. Albashier Eltayeb Sallam, Islamic Development Bank (Health Division)



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## Improving Lives and Wellness in OIC Countries: Prevention, Early Detection & Treatment of Cancer



**IDB Knowledge Sharing  
High Level Side Event**

## Background

One of the leading causes of mortality both globally and in OIC Member Countries (MCs) is cancer. Indeed, cancer comes as the 2nd major cause of death following cardiovascular diseases and accounted for over 8.8 million deaths in 2015. OIC MCs accounted for 12% of the cancer mortality rate in 2012 (SESRIC, 2016)<sup>1</sup>. Lung, prostate, colorectal, stomach and liver cancer are the most common types of cancer in men, while breast, colorectal, lung, cervix and stomach cancer are the most common among women.

Among the most prominent risk factors for cancer are obesity, insufficient physical activity, tobacco and alcohol consumption (WHO, 2014)<sup>2</sup>. Elimination or controlling such factors would greatly improve the prevention of cancer incidents. In these incidents, early detection increases the chances of successful treatment and full recovery through surgery, chemotherapy and medical treatment methods. The availability of the necessary infrastructure and trained healthcare providers are also vital for the early detection and treatment of cancer.

Development of the relevant policy framework, realization of infrastructure and thereby tackling the underlying causes and mortality rate of cancer have been on the top agenda for many OIC MCs. One of the most important initiatives under the OIC framework is the development of “OIC Strategic Health Programme of Action (OIC-SHPA) 2014-2023” to assist such efforts. However, many OIC MCs have not progressed enough to formulate a policy framework or set up the required physical facilities for early detection and treatment. The economic situation of many OIC MCs as well as the high associated costs of cancer treatment, along with the lack of adequate awareness about cancer among the population, have aggravated the situation, leading to increased incidence and mortality rates.

As part of the 2016 OIC Summit, the “Prevention and Control of Cancer” issue has been given utmost importance during the ‘Leadership on Cancer Control in the Member States’ held on the sidelines of the 13th OIC Summit under the patronage of Her Excellency Mrs. Emine Erdoğan, the First Lady of the Republic of Turkey (14-15 April, 2016).

In this context, the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), in line with its mission of fostering comprehensive human development in its MCs and Muslim Communities in Non-Member Countries, considers this issue a top priority due to its importance to the health and productivity related development outcomes. Hence, since 2012, the IDB has approved operations amounting to US\$ 100 million for improving the infrastructure in MCs in support of cancer control programs in Djibouti, Guinea, Niger, Senegal, Sudan, Suriname, and Uzbekistan. IDB also supported capacity building/ development programs in MCs to fight cancer through technical assistance grants, i.e. Iran, Sudan, etc. and adopted the Reverse Linkage initiative and other technical cooperation programs to benefit from the experience of MCs on raising awareness about the importance of prevention and early detection of cancer among girls and women.

Moreover, in recognition to the vital and much needed role of women in cancer prevention and control, the IDB devoted the theme of the 12th Edition of IDB Prize for Women’s Contribution to Development in 2017 to “women’s contribution to the prevention and control of cancer” to reward women’s contributions in the fight against cancer.

<sup>1</sup> Status of Cancer in OIC Member Countries, SESRIC, 2016

<sup>2</sup> World Cancer Report 2014, WHO, 2014

## Objective

The major objective of the side event is to bring to the forefront the current situation of cancer and the underlying risk factors in OIC Member Countries and to provide a platform for exchanging ideas, networking opportunities and paving the way for establishing cooperation among institutions, NGOs, universities and private entities to fight cancer.

## Expected Development Results

- 200 participants from various MCs informed about policy options for Prevention, Early Detection & Treatment of Cancer;
- IDB experience and interventions in the fight against cancer shared;
- Relevant input and feedback on enhancing effectiveness and efficiency of the Bank’s intervention related to cancer gathered;
- Possible cooperation opportunities among various actors discussed.
- OIC MCs have developed/updated National Cancer Control Program that would contribute towards ensuring the availability of comprehensive range of services for cancer prevention, treatment and palliation;
- Awareness programs developed and implemented in MCs to enhance early screening and detection of cancer including for breast and cervical cancer; experience and expertise of MCs in fighting against cancer shared and cooperation among MCs enhanced.

## Venue and Date

**Venue:** Hilton Hotel, Al Qasr B (Theater)

**Date:** 16 May, 2017, Tuesday, 11:30 - 13:00 at local time in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia